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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend
- 2 section 60-6,290, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
- 3 provisions relating to the length of vehicles; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,290, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
2 is amended to read:

3 60-6,290 (1)(a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of forty feet,
4 extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers including
5 load, except that:

6 (i) A bus or a motor home, as defined in section 71-4603, may exceed
7 the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of forty-five
8 feet;

9 (ii) A truck-tractor may exceed the forty-foot limitation;

10 (iii) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer
11 combination, which semitrailer was actually and lawfully operating in the
12 State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may exceed the forty-foot
13 limitation;

14 (iv) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer
15 combination, which semitrailer was not actually and lawfully operating in
16 the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may exceed the forty-foot
17 limitation but shall not exceed a length of fifty-three feet including
18 load;

19 (v) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer
20 combination, while transporting baled livestock forage, may exceed the
21 forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of fifty-nine feet
22 six inches including load;~~and~~

23 (vi) An articulated bus vehicle operated by a transit authority
24 established under the Transit Authority Law or regional metropolitan
25 transit authority established pursuant to section 18-804 may exceed the
26 forty-foot limitation. For purposes of this subdivision (vi), an
27 articulated bus vehicle shall not exceed sixty-five feet in length; and -

28 (vii) A truck may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not
29 exceed a length of forty-five feet.

30 (b) No combination of vehicles shall exceed a length of sixty-five
31 feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers and

1 including load, except:

2 (i) One truck and one trailer, loaded or unloaded, used in
3 transporting implements of husbandry to be engaged in harvesting, while
4 being transported into or through the state during daylight hours if the
5 total length does not exceed seventy-five feet including load;

6 (ii) A truck-tractor single semitrailer combination;

7 (iii) A truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination, but the
8 semitrailer trailer portion of such combination shall not exceed sixty-
9 five feet inclusive of connective devices;

10 (iv) A driveaway saddlemount vehicle transporter combination and
11 driveaway saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination, but
12 the total overall length shall not exceed ninety-seven feet;

13 (v) A stinger-steered automobile transporter, but the total overall
14 length shall not exceed eighty feet, inclusive of a front overhang of
15 less than four feet and a rear overhang of less than six feet. For
16 purposes of this subdivision, automobile transporter means any vehicle
17 combination designed and used for the transport of assembled highway
18 vehicles, including truck camper units. An automobile transporter shall
19 not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general freight on a
20 backhaul, so long as it is in compliance with weight limitations for a
21 truck-tractor and semitrailer combination; and

22 (vi) A towaway trailer transporter combination, but the total
23 overall length shall not exceed eighty-two feet. For purposes of this
24 subdivision, towaway trailer transporter combination means a combination
25 of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two
26 trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed twenty-
27 six thousand pounds, and in which the trailers or semitrailers carry no
28 property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer,
29 distributor, or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.

30 (c) A truck shall be construed to be one vehicle for the purpose of
31 determining length.

1 (d) A trailer shall be construed to be one vehicle for the purpose
2 of determining length.

3 (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:

4 (a) Extra-long vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to
5 section 60-6,292;

6 (b) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to section
7 60-6,299;

8 (c) The temporary moving of farm machinery during daylight hours in
9 the normal course of farm operations;

10 (d) The movement of unbaled livestock forage vehicles, loaded or
11 unloaded;

12 (e) The movement of public utility or other construction and
13 maintenance material and equipment at any time;

14 (f) Farm equipment dealers or their representatives as authorized
15 under section 60-6,382 driving, delivering, or picking up farm equipment
16 or implements of husbandry within the county in which the dealer
17 maintains his or her place of business, or in any adjoining county or
18 counties, and return;

19 (g) The overhang of any motor vehicle being hauled upon any lawful
20 combination of vehicles, but such overhang shall not exceed the distance
21 from the rear axle of the hauled motor vehicle to the closest bumper
22 thereof;

23 (h) The overhang of a combine to be engaged in harvesting, while
24 being transported into or through the state driven during daylight hours
25 by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, but the length of the
26 semitrailer, including overhang, shall not exceed sixty-three feet and
27 the maximum semitrailer length shall not exceed fifty-three feet;

28 (i) Any self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with a fixed
29 load when the requirements of subdivision (2)(i) of section 60-6,288 are
30 met; or

31 (j) One truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor

1 semitrailer trailer combination used in transporting equipment utilized
2 by custom harvesters under contract to agricultural producers to harvest
3 wheat, soybeans, or milo during the months of April through November but
4 the length of the property-carrying units, excluding load, shall not
5 exceed eighty-one feet six inches.

6 (3) The length limitations of this section shall be exclusive of
7 safety and energy conservation devices such as rearview mirrors,
8 turnsignal lights, marker lights, steps and handholds for entry and
9 egress, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps and splash and spray
10 suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge, refrigeration units or air
11 compressors, and other devices necessary for safe and efficient operation
12 of commercial motor vehicles, except that no device excluded from the
13 limitations of this section shall have by its design or use the
14 capability to carry cargo.

15 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,290, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is repealed.